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Military Information from Spremberg and Cottbus

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1. On 12 July 1951, only a guard unit of about 150 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, was observed in the barracks installation in Spremberg (O 52/A 55).

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2. There have been no changes in the occupation of the barracks installations in Cottbus prior to 13 July. The Funker Kaserne was under repair. T-34/85 tanks were seen in firing position at the drill field in front of the Distention Kaserne. Trucks with drivers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were identified in the streets of Cottbus.

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3. On 21 July, the Alvensleben Kaserne in Cottbus was occupied by only a guard detail. Some rooms were under repair. No recruits were seen. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Craftsmen working in the Funker Kaserne said that 10 officers and 40 soldiers were quartered there. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. No troops were quartered in the Sachsendorf Kaserne, but sentries there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Repair work was probably being done also in this installation. \*

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4. On 21 July, two barracks buildings of the Hermann Loens Kaserne were occupied by officers and E1 of all branches of service, including air force. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. A great deal of vehicular traffic was observed. Trucks were parked in front of the officers' billets opposite the barracks installation. Trucks were observed in the streets of Cottbus. \*\*

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\* Comment. confirmed the components of the 9th Mecz Div from Spremberg and Cottbus at Weisswasser until 9 July.

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\*\* Comment. The Hermann Loens Kaserne houses the Hq 9th Mecz Div.

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A report stating that Lieutenant General Shukov (fnm), apparently the division commander, went to Weisswasser only once a month, indicates that the division headquarters remained in Cottbus.

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the trucks observed in the streets of Cottbus belong to the air force.

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